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For: RECOMBINANT N-SMASES AND NUCLEIC ACIDS ENCODING SAME

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**RESPONSE**

In response to the Office Action dated March 10, 2004, Applicants request reconsideration of the application in view of the following amendments and remarks.

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.